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January 24, 2003

Ms Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
The Portals
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: CC Docket No. 88-2

Dear Ms Dortch:

This is to inform you that on January 23, 2002, I met with members of the Wireline Competition Bureau to discuss the petition BellSouth filed with the Commission on October 31, 2002, entitled "BellSouth Open Network Architecture Plan Amendment." Members of the Bureau participating in the meeting included: Ann Stevens; Brad Koerner; Judy Nitsche; Vienna Jordan; Cheryl Callahan; and Jennifer Gorny. Participating in the meeting by telephone were the following BellSouth representatives: Ken Minzenberger; Bill Shaughnessy; Stan Greer; and Ted Kingsley.

During the meeting BellSouth reviewed the contents of its petition, noted that no party had commented on the petition, and stated that the Florida Public Service Commission had directed BellSouth to return the "oddball" central office codes upon which BellSouth relied to provide four of the services that BellSouth proposed to remove from its ONA Plan. We shared with the FCC staff copies of two Florida PSC orders directing the return of such codes by March 31, 2003, as well as a similar order issued by the Alabama PSC. Copies of those orders are attached to this filing.

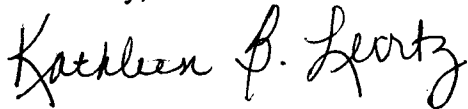
We noted that the return of these codes would serve the public interest by increasing the number of codes available for assignment for other purposes. We also observed that there was little demand for the affected services. We described the steps we had taken and would be taking to help customers who would be affected by discontinuance of each of the services listed in the petition,

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as well as alternatives that could offer these customers the same functionality. Attached is a copy of a letter that was sent to each of the customers currently subscribing to two of the services discussed in the petition: UniServ and ZipConnect. We also described the steps that BellSouth would follow prior to discontinuing each of the services listed in the petition, as well as the order in which BellSouth planned to proceed.

In accordance with Section 1.1206, I am filing this notice and the associated attachments electronically and request that you place them in the record of the proceeding identified above. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathleen B. Levitz".

Kathleen B. Levitz

Attachments

cc: Ann Stevens
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Judy Nitsche
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Cheryl Callahan
Jennifer Gorny

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition by BellSouth DOCKET NO. 010614-TL
Telecommunications, Inc. for
order directing North American
Numbering Plan Administration
(NANPA) to duplicate certain
Central Office Codes (NXX
codes) in new 386 NPA in
connection with 904/386 NPA
split ordered by Florida Public
Service Commission for
northeast portion of Florida.

In re: Request for review of DOCKET NO. 990517-TL
proposed numbering plan relief ORDER NO. PSC-01-1484-PCO-TL
for the 904 area ISSUED: July 16, 2001
code.

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of
this matter:

E. LEON JACOBS, JR., Chairman
J. TERRY DEASON
LILA A. JABER
BRAULIO L. BAEZ
MICHAEL A. PALECKI

ORDER GRANTING BELL SOUTH'S PETITION
TO DUPLICATE NXX CODES FOR A LIMITED TIME

BY THE COMMISSION:

We are vested with jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to
Sections 364.01 and 364.16(4), Florida Statutes, 47 U.S.C. §151,
and 47 C.F.R. §52.15(g)(3)(iv).

By Order No. PSC-00-1937-PAA-TL, issued October 20, 2000, in
Docket No. 990517-TL, we approved a geographic split relief plan
for the 904 area code and established a permissive dialing plan
between the new area code, 386, and the 904 area code, effective
February 15, 2001. This dialing plan becomes mandatory November 5,
2001. Subsequent to our Order, the North American Numbering Plan

Administration (NANPA) issued 386 as the new area code for relief of the 904 area code.

On January 21, 2001, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth) requested that NANPA duplicate 17 of its existing "oddball codes" in the 386 area code. The term "oddball codes" is not specifically defined by Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules or Central Office Code (NXX) Guidelines. However, NANPA and many industry members use the term to refer to NXX codes that are considered throughout the industry as special use codes.

NANPA approved the duplication of 12 of BellSouth's codes on February 1, 2001. NANPA denied the other five codes because they were not industry recognized oddball codes; instead, they were used by BellSouth for internal customer needs. NANPA also denied the request because BellSouth did not submit the Part 1 NXX application form along with the required utilization and months-to-exhaust data per Section 3.2 of the Central Office Code Administrative Guidelines, which provides in part:

Central office codes (NXX) are a finite resource that should be used in the most effective and efficient manner possible. All applicants will be required to provide a completed Part 1 form and, for additional codes, quantitative support to demonstrate compliance with these guidelines.

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 52.15(g)(3)(iv), carriers may dispute a NANPA decision to deny NXX access codes:

The carrier may challenge the NANPA's decision to the appropriate state regulatory commission. The state regulatory commission may affirm or overturn the NANPA's decision to withhold numbering resources from the carrier based on its determination of compliance with the reporting and numbering resource application requirements herein.

Thus, on April 26, 2001, BellSouth filed a petition with this Commission requesting us to direct NANPA to duplicate the five denied NXX codes in the 386 area code because these NXXs were already used in the 904 area code. Before the 904 area code split, BellSouth used some NXXs that were business specific. After the 904 split, BellSouth wanted to retain these codes to cover the same geographic area as before the split. BellSouth argues that oddball

codes are simply central office codes or NXXs that are used for special purposes.

NANPA filed a response to BellSouth's petition On May 30, 2001, in which it identified the following universal oddball codes:

Oddball Code	Special Use
211	Community information and referral service
311	Non-emergency police and other governmental services
411	Local directory assistance
511	Travel information services
611	Repair service
711	Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS)
811	Business office
911	Emergency
555	Directory assistance
700	Intra-LATA preferred interexchange carriers (PIC)
950	Feature Group B access
958	Local plant test
959	Local plant test
976	Information delivery service

NANPA argued that oddball codes are used on a regional or national basis. Unlike ordinary NXX codes, oddball codes are not associated with specific rate centers since they can be national or regional in scope. For example, the 911 code is dedicated for emergency calling services available nationwide in every area code.

Yet, BellSouth claims that five of these codes, 780, 203, 204, 440, and 930, are "regional oddball codes" in Florida. 780 is the NXX code for BellSouth Official Service and is listed in all Florida directories. 203 is the NXX code for ZipCONNECT service and Primary Rate ISDN (PRI). ZipCONNECT is a tariff offering that allows a subscriber with multiple locations to advertise one number for its service and route calls to different locations depending upon criteria such as the time of day or the calling party's location. PRI is a single number routing option tariff that is available to subscribers with extended reach service that enables the subscriber to publish a single telephone number for use within

the entire BellSouth region. 204 is the NXX code for AIN Toolkit Service, which is a tariff offering that allows subscribers, who are typically Internet service providers or enhanced service providers, to access certain call information and call processing capabilities in order to create customized telephone services for their end users. Finally, 440 and 930 are NXX codes for the Uniform Access Number, which is a tariff that provides customers with a uniform Business Line Telephone Number for client access to the customers' service.

According to BellSouth, it needs these five oddball codes to provide and offer various telecommunications services to existing and future customers, to avoid customer confusion, and to comply with FCC regulations. While we understand BellSouth's position, we find that these five codes are not national in scope and they are not available to all carriers in the 386 area code.

We have reviewed the importance of oddball codes, how they are used by other carriers, and in what form. We examined not only BellSouth's telephone books, but also other incumbents' telephone books. We have determined that the 780 code is used in most areas by customers with disabilities, as well as by customers ordering wireless or paging services from BellSouth. BellSouth uses the 557 code for home and small business services for the cities of Flomaton and Century. BellSouth also lists an 800 telephone number for BellSouth Business purposes, and for customers who are calling from a cellular phone or outside BellSouth's territory. Other Incumbent Local Exchange Companies (ILECs) and Alternative Local Exchange Companies (ALECs) simply provide 800 telephone numbers to provide similar services as BellSouth does for its customers through the company internal codes.

We agree with NANPA that the five BellSouth codes for which NANPA denied duplication are not industry recognized oddball codes.

They are company specific codes that should not be duplicated in the 386 area code. Moreover, duplication of these codes would tie up over 50,000 numbers. However, we find that BellSouth shall be given sufficient time to make the necessary changes to utilize numbering resources more efficiently. Therefore, the 203, 204, 440, 780, and 930 NXX codes within the 386 area code shall be duplicated until March 31, 2003, at which time the five codes will be disconnected. We find that this will give BellSouth time to complete all translation work, notice customers, and print new phone books. If BellSouth believes that this time period is not

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adequate, it shall petition us to extend this date for any of the NXXs.

Accordingly, we approve BellSouth's request to duplicate the five oddball codes within the 386 area code, but only until March 31, 2003, at which time the codes will be disconnected. BellSouth must come up with alternate means to serve customers needs before this deadline. If BellSouth finds it needs additional time to make the transition, it must seek relief so that we can sufficiently review and rule on its request prior to March 31, 2003.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Petition for an Order Directing the NANPA to Duplicate Certain NXX Codes is hereby granted on a temporary basis. It is further

ORDERED that the duplication of the 203, 204, 440, 780, and 930 NXX codes within the 386 area code shall be approved until March 31, 2003, at which time these codes will be disconnected. It is further

ORDERED that these dockets shall be closed.

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By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 16th
day of July, 2001.

/s/ Blanca S. Bayó

BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director
Division of the Commission Clerk
and Administrative Services

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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.569(1), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing or judicial review of Commission orders that is available under Sections 120.57 or 120.68, Florida Statutes, as well as the procedures and time limits that apply. This notice should not be construed to mean all requests for an administrative hearing or judicial review will be granted or result in the relief sought.

Mediation may be available on a case-by-case basis. If mediation is conducted, it does not affect a substantially interested person's right to a hearing.

Any party adversely affected by this order, which is preliminary, procedural or intermediate in nature, may request: (1) reconsideration within 10 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.0376, Florida Administrative Code, if issued by a Prehearing Officer; (2) reconsideration within 15 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code, if issued by the Commission; or (3) judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court, in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility, or the First District Court of Appeal, in

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the case of a water or wastewater utility. A motion for reconsideration shall be filed with the Director, Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services, in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code. Judicial review of a preliminary, procedural or intermediate ruling or order is available if review of the final action will not provide an adequate remedy. Such review may be requested from the appropriate court, as described above, pursuant to Rule 9.100, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Request for review of
proposed numbering plan relief
for the 561 area code.

DOCKET NO. 990456-TL
ORDER NO. PSC-01-2145-PCO-TL
ISSUED: November 2, 2001

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

E. LEON JACOBS, JR., Chairman
J. TERRY DEASON
BRAULIO L. BAEZ

ORDER REGARDING PERMISSIVE AND MANDATORY DIALING SCHEDULE
AND "ODDBALL" CODE REQUIREMENTS

BY THE COMMISSION:

1. Case Background

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-00-1937-PAA-TL, issued October 20, 2000, we withheld approval of an implementation schedule for the 561 numbering plan area (area code or NPA), pending the outcome of various number conservation measures. By letter dated November 13, 2000, the Florida telecommunications industry filed an application to NeuStar, Inc., for a relief NPA code for the 561 NPA. On November 18, 2000, NeuStar denied the request because it believed our Order was inconsistent with the NPA Assignment Guidelines.

On January 8, 2001, we filed an expedited petition with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) requesting that the FCC require NeuStar to issue a new NPA for the 561 relief plan. On August 28, 2001, the FCC granted our petition for a new NPA for the 561 NPA. On September 4, 2001, NeuStar announced that the new NPA for the 561 relief plan will be 772.

By Order No. PSC-00-1937-PAA-TL, we also required the affected ILECs to jointly file a notice to recommend permissive and mandatory dialing dates by October 1, 2001.

On September 10, 2001, the carriers jointly filed a notice to the Commission to establish an implementation schedule for the 561 area code relief plan. This Order addresses the carrier recommended permissive and mandatory implementation dialing dates for the 772 area code.

2. Proposed Schedule for Permissive and Mandatory Implementation

According to the 2001 Numbering Resource Utilization Forecast by the North American Numbering Plan Administration (NANPA), the 561 area code is expected to exhaust by the fourth quarter of 2002. In their jointly submitted notice, the carriers stated that due to the current projected

exhaust date and time necessary to implement a relief for the 561 area code, the carriers recommend that the permissive dialing begin on February 11, 2002, and the mandatory dialing begin on November 11, 2002.

Upon consideration, we agree with the carriers that the implementation of a relief plan for the 561 area code is inevitable. The actual projected exhaust date for the 561 area code is November 30, 2002. As such, we find that the given time frame is sufficient for the carriers to implement the relief plan and to adequately inform the residential customers and business customers of the necessary changes, pursuant to Order No. PSC-00-1937-PAA-TL. At this time, we also emphasize that Order No. PSC-00-1937-PAA-TL required that:

We also order that, at the appropriate time, the affected LECs send a letter to alarm monitoring companies advising them of the need to reprogram their equipment, as necessary, nine months before the mandatory dialing period.

Order No. PSC-00-1937-PAA-TL at p. 87. Carriers are on notice that this requirement still remains in effect.

Based on the foregoing, we hereby approve the carrier recommended permissive date of February 11, 2002, and mandatory dialing date of November 11, 2002, for the 772 area code.

3. “Odd-ball” Code Requirements

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-01-1484-PCO-TL, issued July 16, 2001, in Docket No. 010614-TL, we ordered that BellSouth’s request to duplicate oddball codes of some of the NXXs in the 386 area code be granted for a limited time. Therein, we provided a time frame for BellSouth to make necessary changes so that the numbering resources in the 386 area code will be utilized more efficiently. In that order, we stated that:

Moreover, duplication of these codes would tie up over 50,000 numbers. However, we find that BellSouth shall be given sufficient time to make the necessary changes to utilize numbering resources more efficiently. Therefore, the 203, 204, 440, 780, and 930 NXX codes within the 386 area code shall be duplicated until March 31, 2003, at which time the five codes will be disconnected. We find that this will give BellSouth time to complete all translation work, notice customers, and print new phone books. If BellSouth believes that this time period is not adequate, it shall petition us to extend this date for any of the NXXs.

Order No. PSC-01-1484-PCO-TL at p. 5.

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Similar to the issue addressed in that Order, duplication of BellSouth's "regional oddball codes" from the 561 NPA to the 772 area code would also tie-up over 50,000 numbers for company specific purposes. Therefore, in keeping with our decision in Order PSC-01-1484-PCO-TL, BellSouth's company-specific oddball codes shall be duplicated in the 772 area code until March 31, 2003, to allow a transition period to provide notice to customers and print phone books.

We emphasize that these codes are considered company-specific oddball codes and appear to be problematic in every area code in Florida. Therefore, we find it appropriate to address this procedural problem in this docket as well.

Based on foregoing, we hereby adopt the odd-ball code requirements set forth in Order No. PSC-01-1484-PCO-TL, issued July 16, 2001, for purposes of the 561 area code. BellSouth may duplicate specific oddball codes until March 31, 2003.

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It is therefore

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the carrier recommended permissive dialing date of February 11, 2002, and mandatory dialing date of November 11, 2002, for the 772 area code are hereby approved. It is further

ORDERED that the odd-ball code requirements set forth in Order No. PSC-01-1484-PCO-TL, issued July 16, 2001, are hereby adopted for purposes of the 561 area code. It is further

ORDERED that BellSouth may duplicate specific oddball codes until March 31, 2003. It is further

ORDERED that this Docket may be closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 2nd Day of November, 2001.

/s/ Blanca S. Bayó
BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director
Division of the Commission Clerk
and Administrative Services

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Alabama Public Service Commission

Orders

BELLSOUTH COMMUNICATIONS, INC., PETITIONER	PETITION: Petition Requesting Com in NANPA NXX Code Assignments. DOCKET 28137
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ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., (BellSouth), pursuant to rules adopted by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for challenging determinations of the North American Numbering Plan Administration (NANPA), filed a June 1, 2001, petition requesting that the Alabama Public Service Commission (Commission) order NANPA to duplicate certain Central Office Codes (NXX codes) in the new 251 NPA in connection with the 334/251 NPA split ordered by the Commission for the Southern portion of the state. Additionally, BellSouth requests that the Commission order NANPA to issue a new NXX code for the new Homewood switch (designated BRMHALHWGT1) within the 205 NPA.

On October 3, 2000, the Commission approved an area code split for the 334 NPA. Customers in the Mobile LATA were assigned the new 251 NPA. Mandatory dialing of the new 251 NPA is scheduled to begin on January 7, 2002. Typically, NXX codes are assigned to specific rate centers. However, BellSouth utilizes several non-wire center specific codes, referred to by the telecommunications industry as "oddball codes" for services that are used in the entire NPA. BellSouth currently employs the following regional oddball codes in Alabama:

203 ZipCONNECT service and Primary Rate ISDN (PRI) Single Number Routing Option, 204 Advanced Intelligent Network (AIN) Toolkit Service, 440, 530 Uniform Access Numbers, 557 South Official Service.
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In the past, BellSouth would request and NANPA would allow the duplication of oddball codes in the

new NPA following a split. However, NANPA has recently changed its oddball code assignment policy for codes that do not serve the entire telecommunications industry in the NPA. NANPA cites Section 9.2.2 of the Central Office Code Administration Guidelines which states "...use of NXX codes for purposes other than (end-user number) assignment should be minimized." Accordingly, on March 22, 2001, NANPA denied BellSouth's request for oddball codes in the 251 NPA.

In its petition for relief, BellSouth stated that denying it the use of oddball codes in the 251 NPA means that existing customers in the 334 area code whose area code is being changed to 251 and who subscribe to BellSouth's services using the 203, 204, 440, and 530 NXX codes may no longer be able to receive those services. Further BellSouth's 557-XXX numbers, used to reach the various BellSouth Official Service offices are listed in the current telephone directories, which normally are published annually. It is, therefore, imperative that any transitioning from the 557 NXX code coincide with the date that new directories are published in order to avoid customer confusion and misdialed numbers.

Instead of the flash-cut approach adopted by NANPA, BellSouth requests that the Commission provide it with the opportunity to develop a long-term strategy for minimizing its use of oddball codes in a manner that will have minimal impact on its customers. In the interim and until such time as it transitions toward the minimal use of oddball codes, BellSouth requests that, for the new 251 NPA, it be assigned the duplicate oddball codes that it utilizes in the 334 NPA.

The staff finds merit in NANPA's intent to conserve NXX codes by reducing the number of oddball codes assigned to BellSouth. However, the staff agrees with BellSouth that doing so on a "flash cut" basis by not allowing the interim duplication of oddball codes in the 251 NPA until BellSouth devises a long-term plan to transition away from the codes, may result in loss of existing customer services, customer confusion, and harms Alabama customers in the new 251 NPA. The staff recommends that the Commission direct NANPA to issue the 203, 204, 440, 530, and 557 NXXs to BellSouth for the 251 NPA. Staff further recommends that BellSouth be directed to provide to the Commission an implementation plan, subject to Commission approval, for minimizing utilization of the aforementioned NXXs and returning unused NXXs to the code pool.

FCC 00-104 issued March 31, 2000, (Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making relating to numbering resource optimization) was intended to implement uniform standards governing requests for telephone numbering resources. With the order, the FCC hopes to increase efficiency in the use of existing telephone numbers and to avoid further exhaustion of existing numbers under the North American Numbering Plan. Among other things, FCC 00-104 adopted a revised standard for assessing a carrier's need for numbering resources by requiring **rate center** based utilization rates to be reported to NANPA. The FCC further required that an applicant establish that their numbering resources within a **rate center** will be exhausted within six months of the application before additional NXX codes are assigned. Previously, such applications were based on the utilization of resources within the applicant's **servicing switch**.

On or about March 26, 2001, BellSouth submitted Central Office Code (NXX) Assignment Request – Part 1 to NANPA requesting the assignment of an NXX code for a new switching entity in Homewood (205 NPA) designated BRHMALHWGT1 within the Birmingham **rate center**. The new packet switch will provide Internet Call Diversion Services for the Birmingham rate center. BellSouth requested an initial NXX code so that a Location Routing Number (LRN) could be established for the new switch, as required for local number portability. On March 27, 2001, NANPA denied BellSouth's request for an initial code, stating that the request should have been submitted as a growth code. On April 30, 2001, BellSouth resubmitted the Part 1 request as a growth code request for the new switch as per NANPA's instructions but on or about May 10, 2001, NANPA's Central Office Code Administration denied the request on the grounds that BellSouth had not met the **rate center** based exhaust criteria as set forth in

the new guidelines for code assignment.

BellSouth's position is that thousands-block number pooling has not yet been implemented in the Birmingham Metropolitan Statistical Area. Consequently, it is unable to port available numbers from other NXXs within the Birmingham rate center to the new switch. Even if those numbers could be ported, it would not provide the required unique LRN for the new switch. Only by assigning an NXX code to the new switch would the required LRN be established. BellSouth requests that the Commission order NANPA to provide the requested NXX code to the BRHMALHWGT1 central office so that an LRN can be established, so that it can provide telecommunication services from the switch, and to allow the new switch to participate in local number portability.

FCC 00-104, Appendix A, Final Rules § 53.15(g)(3)(iv) provides that the carrier may challenge NANPA's decision to deny a request for numbering resources to the appropriate state regulatory authority.

Staff is of the opinion that the FCC's intent for numbering resource optimization, using a rate center rather than serving switch basis, is predicated on the imminent availability of thousands-block number pooling and the resulting ability to port number blocks. However, staff agrees with BellSouth that thousands-block number pooling would not establish the required LRN for the new switch, thus denying it the ability to provide telecommunication services to Alabama customers and to participate in local number portability. Only by assigning an initial NXX code to BRHMALHWGT1 can the required LRN be established. Therefore, staff recommends that the Commission direct NANPA to provide BellSouth with an NXX for the BRHMALHWGT1 switch.

The Commission concurs with the staff's recommendations and believes them to be best interests of Alabama customers.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED BY THE COMMISSION, That NANPA is directed to provide BellSouth with NXX codes 203, 204, 440, 530, and 557 in the 251 NPA and assign BellSouth an NXX for the BRHMALHWGT1 switch in the 205 NPA.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED BY THE COMMISSION, That BellSouth, within one hundred twenty (120) days from the date of this Order, submit to the Commission a plan and schedule for minimizing the utilization of oddball codes statewide and returning unused NXXs to the code pools for all the state's assigned NPAs.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That this Order shall be effective as of the date hereof.

Done at Montgomery, Alabama, this 11th day of July 2001.

ALABAMA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Jim Sullivan, President

Jan Cook, Commissioner

George C. Wallace, Jr., Commissioner

ATTEST: A True Copy

Walter L. Thomas, Jr., Secretary

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**SOON BELLSouth Uniserv (930) and ZipConnect (203) Services
WILL NO LONGER BE
AVAILABLE. YOUR RESPONSE IS REQUESTED BY March 31, 2003**

Re: Florida Public Service Commission's Decision concerning Uniserv (930) and ZipConnect (203) Services

Dear Customer,

Pursuant to Orders PSC-01-2145-PCO-TL and PSC-01-1484-PCO-TL issued in Docket Nos. 990456-TL and 990517-TL, the Florida Public Service Commission has required BellSouth to discontinue the use of 930 and 203 numbers that currently support the Uniserv and ZipConnect services.. These rulings addressed issues raised by the North American Numbering Plan Administration regarding number conservation and competition.. The Commission determined that due to the rapid exhaust of many Florida area codes and the potential adverse impact on local competition in Florida, BellSouth can no longer use these codes to provide Uniserv and ZipConnect services in the new 386 and 772 area codes, effective March 31, 2003.

As a result of the Commission's rulings, BellSouth has decided to eliminate the use of these numbers statewide. Effective March 31, 2002, BellSouth will no longer offer Uniserv (930) and ZipConnect (203) services.

BellSouth customers will be permitted to utilize the 930 and 203 codes until March 31, 2003. At that date, customers should have in place an alternative service for Uniserv and ZipConnect. At your option and to facilitate the transition process, BellSouth will provide a reference of calls to another number at no charge until March 31, 2003.

If prior to March 31, 2003, you arrange for an alternative service, call your local BellSouth Business Office at 780-2800 and we'll take care of disconnecting the BellSouth Uniserv (930) and ZipConnect (203) Services for you. If you are calling from outside STATE or outside the BellSouth service area, please contact us at 1-404-780-2800.

Thank you for using BellSouth and we apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you. We value your business and want to make sure you get the service that you want and need.